

Whom Do You Favor For President? A Nation-Wide Straw Ballot Under Way

Early prediction that the 1936 Presidential election would be keenly contested has become a fact.

Hardly had the newspaper ink dried on Governor Landon's acceptance speech than party campaigning on major political fronts boomed in earnest. The campaign is now in full swing, weeks ahead of previous national election-year drives for votes.

Every means of learning voting sentiment will be employed because that is the wish and the demand of our government-minded citizens and voters of today. This is so because voters have come to know through experience that exceedingly accurate forecasts of national election results may be had through straw-vote balloting, in different sections of the country, and of different groups of voters.

The Small Town Vote

This year, as always, one of the most important groups of voters are those residing in small towns and rural America. Up until 1924 there was no single source of obtaining an extensive and accurate straw-vote of this group. That year, however, weekly newspapers throughout the country joined hands and inaugurated the first straw-vote Presidential vote in small towns and rural communities.

In 1928 and again in 1932 the leading weekly newspapers cooperated to make their nation-wide straw-vote more extensive in numbers of ballots cast and from all states. This more accurate forecast of the November election results were obtained. They proved to be forecasts that were accurate in final results and came within five per cent of correctly forecasting actual returns in the November election.

Questions in the average voter's mind today are: "Who will small-town and rural America help elect to the Presidency next November... Roosevelt, Landon, Lemke, Thomas, Cavin, or Browder?" Let us all join hands in this nation-wide vote. Let us help express the political sentiment at this time of the voters in Elba and Coffee County.

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Health Notes

—By Your—
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER—

CLINICS FOR GIVING NASAL SPRAY BEING HELD

The County Health Office is sponsoring the use of the nasal spray for the prevention of infantile paralysis. This will be administered every other day for four treatments and then once a week thereafter until this epidemic is well under control. It is being given to adults as well as children, and everybody is urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

The spray will be given in the Elba office on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Monday. Clinics are being held in New Brockton, Kinston and Enterprise, and as soon as these are finished other clinics will be scheduled for the rural communities of the county.

This spray is being used as a precautionary measure against the epidemic of infantile paralysis. There seems to be a downward trend at the present but we are not yet out of danger and should be warned against going into North Alabama, where the disease is prevalent. Advice given would be: DO NOT MIGRATE, DO NOT CONGREGATE, AND USE THE NASAL SPRAY.

A report recently sent out from the office of Dr. H. T. Donovan, Coffee County Health Officer, shows that the following things have been accomplished during the past six months:

Fifty-four schools for white students and 23 for negroes have been visited and health examinations made. The results of these examinations showed hookworm disease to be the most prevailing malady with bad tonsils, scurvy and defective teeth third. During the work in connection with schools, 750 children were examined. Of that number 28 were perfect and 722 defective. Six hundred and twenty had bad tonsils; 600 bad teeth; 34 defective vision; 12 skin diseases and four nutritive defects.

Health work in the schools and county showed that 4,000 hookworm specimens have been examined, 60 per cent of which were positive; 770 treatments for the disease have been given.

The regular communicable disease control work has been carried on with 49 persons attending the tuberculosis clinic held in February. Five thousand five hundred typhoid inoculations have been given; 700 toxin-anti-toxin administrations for diphtheria and 60 smallpox vaccinations. Fifty-one prenatal cases have come under the supervision of the county nurse since January 1.

Births taking place in the county during the past six months have numbered 425; deaths, 148.

Cases of contagious or communicable diseases reported up to date include: Chicken pox, two; diphtheria, three; malaria, 25; social diseases, 16; pellagra, two; scarlet fever, one; smallpox, one; tuberculosis, two; typhoid fever, one; typhus, three; whooping cough, one.

At present the department is engaged in precautionary measures connected with the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

STORM—This section, last Friday, experienced some of the stormiest weather in its history. A tropical storm which had its birth about 100 miles southeast of Alabama, Fla., crossed the Florida peninsula, south of Miami, last Tuesday, passing out into the Gulf. This late weighed 628 pounds for the per pound.

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Benzo Bryan, Jr., has returned from Columbia where he spent several days with relatives.

Hugh Prescott, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Prescott, went to Albany, Ga., recently, where he has entered a business school.

Mrs. M. S. Carmichael of Montgomery was a visitor to Elba the first of the week.

Mrs. R. L. Mayes, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. W. Sanders in Elba, has gone to Knoxville, Tenn., for a visit before returning to her home in Live Oak, Fla.

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ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1936

About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

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HUNTERS HUNTED—When Mail Carrier D. B. Perdue failed to come in from his route last Friday evening, some of the other rural mail carriers and postoffice employees started out to search for him. Jess Blocker went one road and Sam Blue, Joe Young and Henry Smith went another. Mr. Blocker met Mr. Perdue coming in from where he had been stuck in the mud most of the day near Bullock. Dana reports that he and some helpers worked for several hours in the drenching rain and got so chilled they had to stop and seek shelter in order to get warmed up. In other words, they were unable to work much that day. When Messrs. Perdue and Blocker reached Elba, they found that the other searchers had not returned, so they started out to hunt for the hunters. The Blue car was found stuck in the mud, out in the wilds on Route 1. It was 4 a.m. when the car was finally extricated and the parties returned.

CONVALESCENT—Optimistic from Olea, Winston, who is convalescing from a severe attack of lung poisoning in a hospital at his bedside.

TRIE FELL—During Friday's storm, the giant oak tree in the northwest corner of the court yard fell with a crash, fortunately falling to the southwest and missing the courthouse. A peculiarity of this tree was that it was found to have no tap root or other roots extending into the ground for any considerable depth. It was supported only by a mass of roots which extended in all directions like a huge mat, just below the earth's surface. Such an unstable root system was inadequate to resist the tremendous wind of the storm against the tree's wide-spreading branches. Judge M. G. Owen informs me that his father set out this tree and five others in 1905, under the sponsorship of a woman's improvement club. Three trees were planted on the west side of the courthouse and three on the east side. Two of the west side trees have died in recent years, but the three on the east side are still hale and hearty. Chief supervisor of Chief of Police J. W. Parker, the fallen tree was trimmed up and replanted Monday, with hopes that it will take root and survive. Friday's storm probably put an end to the agitation to erect a speakers' stand and seats around this popular tree at least for the time being.

CROP DAMAGE—There is a wide divergence of opinion among the cotton and corn farmers as to the amount of damage suffered on account of last Friday's storm. Cotton was badly beaten and twisted and corn was flattened and the stands shredded. Some say cotton was damaged from 25 to 35 per cent. Others say 10 to 15 per cent. About the same predictions are made concerning corn. All agree, however, that Friday's wind will tell, and that weather conditions during the next few weeks will have a lot to do with it. However, regardless of the percentage of damage, the farmers are thankful that Coffee County crops are still far better than those to be found in most of the country.

SAV SHAKES—Federal Land Bank Agent F. A. Farris reports that as he was wading through a swamp Monday, he killed a large snake as he waded.

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Sam H. Blue, Rural Mail Carrier, Died Wednesday Following A Short Illness

Sam H. Blue, age 42, one of Elba's best known young citizens, and rural mail carrier on Elba Route 1, passed away at his home on Simmons Street, yesterday about 12:30 o'clock after a very short illness, following an attack of acute indigestion.

Mr. Blue made his regular delivery of mail on the route Wednesday morning, returning to Elba shortly after 11:00 o'clock. On entering the postoffice he made the remark to other carriers and employees that he was not feeling so well and in a few moments fainted and fell to the floor. Medical aid was summoned and he was soon revived, but still complained that he had an almost unbearable pain in the upper part of his stomach. He was carried to his home and passed away a short time after reaching there.

Friends throughout the city were shocked when it became known that he had died, only a few of whom knew of his illness.

Mr. Blue was born and reared in Elba and was a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Blue, pioneers in the city of the county. He was born on November 14, 1894, and was nearing his 42nd birthday. He was a World War Veteran, having served more than a year with the U. S. E. For the past twelve or fifteen years he had been in the postal service, having served very efficiently as Rural Mail Carrier.

Surviving are his wife, Miss Minnie Foley Blue, three children, two daughters and one son. He also leaves one brother, Dr. J. H. Blue, of Bessemer; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Waters, of Elba and Montgomery, and Mrs. O. S. Rainey, of Montgomery, and a number of other relatives.

At the time of going to press Wednesday afternoon plans for the funeral had not been announced, pending arrival of relatives, but it is presumed that the services will be held some time Thursday afternoon.

They did not have sufficient clothing, but now I have already secured some material to make them clothes for school this year by selling chickens and eggs."

Mrs. Jones sold eleven chickens and bought some dishes, pans, a water bucket, and three chairs. WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY.

Mrs. F. C. Grooms, New Brockton Rt. 1, in the Harrison community, buys all of her household supplies, groceries and incidentals from the sale of her chickens and eggs. She says: "Mr. Grooms and myself can have practically all the crop clear after paying rent because we have just about lived on our garden, chickens and eggs. We grow our feed also."

Mrs. and Mr. Q. Q. Johnson, Elba Rt. 4, have three boys, two of whom are small and the oldest big enough to plow. They keep a clean crop and a clean house. They have two milk cows now and use all that the family of five need. After supplying the family needs, they sell an average of \$5.00 worth of sour cream per month. They feed their cows from crops grown on the farm. OTHER FAMILIES CAN DO WHAT THE JOHNSONS ARE DOING IF THEY WILL TRY.

Mr. Bruce Rainey, Kinston Rt. 1, planted Cook 12 cotton seed secured from the Headland Experiment Station. He fertilized this cotton with 6-8-4, 300 pounds per acre. He has bright prospects for a good cotton crop and his neighbors say, "This is better cotton than the old variety Bruce has been growing." He is pleased with the showing of the Cook 12 cotton and the 6-8-4 fertilizer.

Mr. Rainey also has three acres of soybeans that are now being grazed by pigs and bred sows. He is delighted with the soybeans for hogs. When the hogs have finished the soybeans, they can be turned out on peanuts, and he will grow a big young hog at less cost than by waiting to turn on peanuts in late September.

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County Agent's Column

By HUGH D. SEATON
County Agent

Farmers of County informed recently by Approved Soil-Building Practices for which Payments will be made in connection with the 1936 Agricultural Soil Conservation Program.

For the benefit of the farmers of this county who are cooperating with the 1936 Agricultural Soil Conservation Program the following list of approved soil-building practices is given. It is hoped that each farmer whose farm is covered by a "soils sheet" will study the list and be able to point out the practices carried out on his farm to the person who visits his farm for the check up. It is carried as a payment.

The practices are as follows:

1. Ryegrass, clover, or sweet clover or annual lespedeza, seeded on crop land between January 1, 1936, and October 31, 1936.

2. Red, mammoth, or sweet clover or annual lespedeza, seeded on crop land between January 1, 1936, and October 31, 1936.

3. Alsike, white, bar, and crimson clover, Austrian winter peas, vetch or other locally adapted winter legumes. Legume mixtures seeded on crop land between January 1, 1936, and October 31, 1936.

4. Soybeans, velvet beans, cowpeas, crabs, legume weed, or other locally adapted summer legumes grown on crop land in 1936 and vines or stalks left on land and seed not harvested for oil.

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6. Crimson, bar-clover, Austrian winter peas, vetch, or other locally adapted winter legumes turned under between January 1, 1936, and October 31, 1936.

7. Ryegrass, clover, Italian ryegrass, wheat, or mixtures of these, turned under in the spring of 1936 as green manure before passing the plough stage and making reasonable growth (not less than two months' growth).

8. Any sorghum, Sudan grass, or millet seeded on crop land between January 1, 1936, and July 31, 1936, and all the crop left on the land or plowed under.

9. Pasture, consisting of perennial grasses or grass and legume mixtures, established on crop land between January 1, 1936, and October 31, 1936.

10. Forest trees, including post-producing species, planted on crop land or pasture land between September 1, 1935, and October 31, 1936.

11. Land terraced (between January 1, 1936, and October 31, 1936) that needed terracing. (Paragraphs 12 and 13 omitted because not applicable here.)

14. Basic slag applied according to practices approved by the State Conservation Committee on pastures or soil-conserving crops, excluding soybeans, cowpeas, velvet beans and peanuts, between January 1, 1936, and October 31, 1936—not less than 100 pounds per acre nor more than 600 pounds per acre.

(Paragraph 15 omitted because not applicable here.)

16. Such annual grasses or other native plants, or any mixture of these with legumes, as approved by the State Agricultural Conservation Committee, that are turned under in green manure between January 1, 1936, and October 31, 1936, on crop land following truck and vegetable crops, including among other melons, strawberries, potatoes, and sweet potatoes, or in orchards and vineyards.

PROVIDED such green manure crops attained a reasonable growth (not less than 2 months' growth).

HUMAN INTEREST STORIES

Mrs. James Jones, Enterprise Rt. 2, says: "My children did not go to school last year because of lack of money."

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